

Introduced by Senator Alquist

February 10, 2006

An act to amend Sections 8870.3, 8870.4, and 8870.71 of the Government Code, relating to the Seismic Safety Commission.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1278, as introduced, Alquist. Seismic Safety Commission.

The Seismic Safety Commission Act creates the Seismic Safety Commission in state government and requires it to report annually to the Governor and Legislature on its findings, progress, and recommendations relating to earthquake hazard reduction. Members of the commission are paid per diem expenses of \$50 for each day's attendance at a commission meeting.

The commission is authorized to conduct a specific comprehensive investigation of a May 2, 1983, earthquake involving Coalinga, provide funding and expert technical assistance to the people of Coalinga for planning and reconstruction, and prepare and publish a comprehensive report on the Coalinga earthquake.

This bill would increase the commission member's per diem to \$100 and would delete the commission's duties specific to the 1983 Coalinga earthquake.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8870.3 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:
3 8870.3. (a) ~~After the initial appointments, the~~ *The*
4 membership of the Seismic Safety Commission shall be

1 appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate from
2 lists of nominees submitted by organizations as listed below:

3 (1) Four members appointed from established organizations in
4 the fields of architecture and planning, fire protection, public
5 utilities, ~~and~~ electrical engineering, and mechanical engineering.

6 (2) Four members appointed from established organizations in
7 the fields of structural engineering, soils engineering, geology,
8 and seismology.

9 (3) Four members ~~appointed from nominees~~ submitted by the
10 League of California Cities and the California State Association
11 of Counties. ~~One~~ *At least one* of these members shall be ~~a~~
12 ~~building official~~ *an official from a local building enforcement*
13 *agency*.

14 (4) Three members appointed from established organizations
15 in the fields of insurance, social ~~service~~ *services*, and emergency
16 services.

17 (b) One member shall be appointed from the Senate by the
18 Senate Rules Committee, and one member shall be appointed
19 from the Assembly by the Speaker of the Assembly. Each of the
20 members appointed pursuant to this subdivision may designate
21 an alternate who shall be counted toward a quorum, who may
22 vote, and who may receive the expenses specified in Section
23 8870.4.

24 SEC. 2. Section 8870.4 of the Government Code is amended
25 to read:

26 8870.4. The members of the Seismic Safety Commission
27 shall serve without compensation but shall be paid per diem
28 expenses of ~~fifty dollars (\$50)~~ *one hundred dollars (\$100)* for
29 each day's attendance at a meeting of the commission, plus
30 actual necessary travel expenses as determined by Department of
31 Personnel Administration rules.

32 SEC. 3. Section 8870.71 of the Government Code is amended
33 to read:

34 8870.71. To implement the foregoing responsibilities, the
35 commission may do any of the following:

36 (a) Review state budgets and review grant proposals, other
37 than those grant proposals submitted by institutions of
38 postsecondary education to the federal government, for
39 earthquake related activities and to advise the Governor and
40 Legislature thereon.

1 (b) Review legislative proposals; related to earthquake safety
2 to advise the Governor and Legislature concerning the proposals;
3 and to propose needed legislation.

4 (c) Recommend the addition, deletion, or changing of state
5 agency standards when, in the commission's view, the existing
6 situation creates undue hazards or when new developments
7 would promote earthquake hazard mitigation, and conduct public
8 hearings as deemed necessary on the subjects.

9 (d) In the conduct of any hearing, investigation, inquiry, or
10 study ~~which~~ *that* is ordered or undertaken in any part of the state,
11 administer oaths and issue subpoenas for the attendance of
12 witnesses and the production of papers, records, reports, books,
13 maps, accounts, documents, and testimony.

14 ~~(e) (1) Conduct a specific comprehensive investigation of the~~
15 ~~May 2, 1983, earthquake which devastated the City of Coalinga,~~
16 ~~focusing on commercial redevelopment, housing, land use~~
17 ~~planning, financing, codes and standards, and to provide funding~~
18 ~~and expert technical assistance to the people of Coalinga for~~
19 ~~planning and reconstruction.~~

20 ~~(2) Prepare and publish, with the assistance and participation~~
21 ~~of other state, federal, and local government agencies and other~~
22 ~~knowledgeable investigators from the private sector, a~~
23 ~~comprehensive report on the Coalinga earthquake to include, but~~
24 ~~not be limited to, lessons learned for earthquake preparation and~~
25 ~~mitigation in California, an assessment of the earthquake's~~
26 ~~impact upon state and local seismic safety policies and programs,~~
27 ~~and to make recommendations to the Governor and the~~
28 ~~Legislature concerning the areas mentioned in this subdivision.~~

29 (f)

30 (e) In addition, the commission may perform any of the
31 functions contained in subdivisions (a) to ~~(e)~~ (d), inclusive, in
32 relation to ~~other~~ disasters, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section
33 8870.7, in connection with issues or items reported or discussed
34 with the Office of Emergency Services at any commission
35 meeting.